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Subject: RFSC Meeting Preparations for 9/12/2016 - David Abelson Memo to the Board re: Business Items - Additional information about the minutes

Hello RFSC Board of Directors,

Contained in the RFSC Meeting Package for 9/12/2016 is a memo from David Abelson to you all, dated 8/26/2016, necessitating a correction. The second item of additional information is worded as follows and out of context with what was discussed and expected:

“Annual Report, Surface Water Monitoring (page 11): There was discussion about the Rock Creek Drainage. One citizen stated in response to what constituents were present, “you name it.” Additional information since the meeting: The final site closure documents, and specifically the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), do not identify contaminants of concern in the Rock Creek Drainage Exposure Unit. This determination, which applies to both human and ecological receptors, was based on surface soil, subsurface soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater sampling for inorganics, organics and radionuclides. This information can be found in the Administrative Record: <http://www.lm.doe.gov/CERCLA/SiteSelector.aspx>”

The design or delay in reporting the RFSC meeting Minutes, now more than 90 days ago, and the lack of an official audio recording of the RFSC meeting lends itself to documented obscured comments such as the quote above.

In an effort to correct the documentation, Mr. Scott Surovchak, DOE/LM, stated during the June 6, 2016 RFSC meeting that Rock Creek is and was pristine. (Rock Creek headwaters on the west side of the Rocky Flats Superfund site and flows in a northeasterly direction.) I commented that Mr. Surovchak’s assertions were inaccurate. Reports exist that Rock Creek was subjected to Rocky Flats contamination namely from the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant activities from West Spray Field operations including plant effluent and Solar Evaporation Pond effluent. Mr. Surovchak stated that he would cause a

search of DOE documents and provide the information during the next RFSC meeting. On page 11 of the 9/12/2016 meeting package Mr. Surovchak's statement attributed to Rock Creek "that data did not show any effects."

Mr. Abelson provided a URL to no-where in the above quote. The 9/12/2016 RFSC meeting package is absent any Rock Creek contamination documentation from Mr. Surovchak.

Available additional information concerning Rock Creek is being suppressed. As you all know the proposed Rocky Mountain Greenway multi-use trails on the Rocky Flats Refuge are to be constructed in the area of Rock Creek at the CO-128 connector. One such report with data does show effects to Rock Creek:

"Surface-Water Quantity and Quality Data, Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site Near Denver, Colorado, Water Year 1996" By Mark E. Smith, John W. Unruh, and Clayton H. Thompson; U.S. Geological Survey, Open-File Report 97-194, prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy. The 63-page report is available at <https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/1997/0194/report.pdf>. Page 49, Table 28, Chemical-quality and suspended-sediment data, GS04 (Rock Creek at Highway 128), water year 1996, disputes the DOE perception "that data did not show any effects."

Respectfully, Jon.

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